PATENT

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<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:</u>

On page 1 after the title, please insert the following:

CROSS - REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present Application is based on International Application No. PCT/EP2003/050975, filed on December 10, 2003, which in turn corresponds to FR 02/16366 filed on December 20, 2002, and priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC §119 based on these applications. Each of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety into the present application.

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART

On page 1 after the fifth paragraph, please insert the following heading: SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 3 before the first paragraph, please insert the following:

Still other objects and advantages of the present invention will become readily apparent to those skilled in the art from the following detailed description, wherein the preferred embodiments of the invention are shown and described, simply by way of illustration of the best mode contemplated of carrying out the invention. As will be realized, the invention is capable of other and different embodiments, and its several details are capable of modifications in various obvious respects, all without departing from the invention. Accordingly, the drawings and description thereof are to be regarded as illustrative in nature, and not as restrictive.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

On page 19 after the final paragraph, please insert the following:

It will be readily seen by one of ordinary skill in the art that the present invention fulfills all of the objects set forth above. After reading the foregoing specification, one of ordinary skill will be able to affect various changes, substitutions of equivalents and various other aspects of the invention as broadly disclosed herein. It is therefore intended that the protection granted hereon be limited only by the definition contained in the appended claims and equivalents thereof.

ABSTRACT:

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